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## Alum working to impact nation's capital

In the five years since her Huntington College graduation, Heather (Hirschy) Gonzales' life reads like a fast-paced novel—backpacking through Europe with friends, working in Congressional offices, serving as a missionary in Africa, getting married, and attending graduate school. After experiencing new places and milestones, Heather now finds herself happily situated in Washington, D.C. With the help of her Huntington College education, Heather has made a smooth transition from growing up in Indiana to now living, working and studying in the nation's capital.

Upon graduating in 2000 with degrees in History and Business Management, Heather headed off to Congress making her mark in the Washington, D.C. Office of Congressman Jim DeMint (R-SC) and later, in the District Office of Congressman Mark Souder (R-IN). She then decided to follow God's call to service in Namibia, located in the southwestern part of Africa. In connection with African Inland Mission, she spent three months tutoring and leading Bible studies in schools, also helping to create a mission training manual. However, Heather soon found herself drawn back to the nation's capital where she landed a position working at the International Republican Institute, a non-profit and non-partisan organization dedicated to advancing democracy worldwide.

In addition, Heather took on a part-time position in the Government Affairs Office of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE). And if two jobs weren't enough, Heather will complete a master's degree in Liberal Studies at Georgetown University in the fall of 2005.

Though busy, Heather took on the position at NAE to combine her passion for advocacy with an interest in the political role of the evangelical community.

"I am excited about what God is doing through the NAE," says Heather, who is currently finishing up her work on a NAE grant proposal in the area of improving relations between Muslims and evangelicals. "It serves as a vital advocate for the concerns of the growing evangelical community, while at the same time pushing that community to take notice of issues that are too often ignored."

Having a chance to make an impact in Washington, D.C., may not have ever been possible for Heather without her participation in an off-campus study program through the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU).

"I wouldn't be in Washington today if I had not first come to the city as an off-campus portion of my Huntington College education," says Heather, who spent the fall of her senior year at Huntington in Washington, D.C., taking classes through the American Studies Program and interning with the Congressional Hunger Center.

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Heather urges other students, particularly those interested in fields of public service, politics or advocacy, to take advantage of off-campus programs offered at Huntington College through the CCCU. "An intensive semester abroad or a semester in a city like D.C., along with a quality internship will add considerable value to your college experience," Heather says. "Off-campus experiences allow you to put into practice the principles you have learned at Huntington while still in an educational setting."

And while Heather learned important principles and gained a top-rate education at Huntington that helped her find success in the world of big-city politics and business, she says the real value of what she learned at Huntington was found in the relationships with fellow students and professors.

"From my relationships with an amazing group of close friends to the instructive relationships with professors, it was in those interactions that I gained the skills that would serve me best in a city like Washington," Heather reflects. "In this city, it is so easy to become focused on power, money, titles or even on seemingly good things like advanced degrees, important public policy, or worthy causes. Yet, the lesson I have learned over and over in my workplace, in my church and in my graduate work in Washington, is that what lasts and what matters at the end of the day are the lives that you have touched and the relationships you have built."



Between her studies at Georgetown University and her employment with the International Republican Institute and the National Association of Evangelicals, Heather Gonzales is impacting her world in our nation's capital.

# Faculty/Staff News & Notes



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• **Rev. Luke Fetters**, assistant professor of ministry and missions, was named Professor of the Year on May 3, at the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Huntington College Forester Night. The award, voted on by the student body, is presented each year.

• **Dr. Jerry Smith**, professor of physics and chemistry, set up a Muon Physics apparatus as a hallway display in the Science Hall. The display collected live muon data that was displayed on a laptop screen inside the case. A picture of the display case will be showcased in the upcoming edition of *The Relaxation Times*.

• **Dr. Jeffrey Webb**, associate professor of history, recently spoke at the semi-annual meeting of the Huguenot Society of Indiana on the subject of his current project, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to God*, which will be published in late 2005.

• **Dr. Tom Bergler**, assistant professor of ministry and missions, recently led a seminar for high school students on the topic, "How Can I Enter into a Personal Relationship with Jesus?" Participants had the opportunity to identify obstacles keeping them from coming to Jesus, renounce those obstacles, and pray to give their lives fully to Jesus. The seminar was part of the annual YES (Youth Equipped to Stand) retreat sponsored by Christian Youth Challenge.

• The Merillat Centre for the Arts, the performance center at Huntington College, has been set apart from other facilities of its kind with the recent purchase of the BSS Soundweb London BLU-16, the latest technology

in sound system control. **Mr. Justin Spitler**, technical director for the MCA, explained, "With students doing a good share of the audio duties at the school, having the students learning brand new technology will really give them a good footing in the industry when they graduate." The College is known to be one of the first institutions of higher education in the nation to acquire the system.

• **Dr. John Sanders**, research professor of philosophy and religion, and **Dr. William Hasker**, emeritus professor of philosophy, presented papers at the Society of Christian Philosophers Conference at Lincoln Christian College in Illinois from April 7-9. Sanders gave a plenary address, "Inclusivism and the Soteriological Problem of Evil," and Hasker presented the paper, "God's Time." Both served on a panel discussion about religious pluralism.

• The Huntington College Peer Award has been passed on to two new individuals for the month of May. **Dr. Ann McPherran**, professor of business, received the award from **Dr. Paul Michelson**, distinguished professor of history. **Mrs. Barbara Thompson**, administrative assistant to the president, received the award from **Mrs. Pat Jones**, assistant in Library Services at RichLyn Library.

• The Staff Member of the Year award was presented to **Mrs. Barbara Thompson**, administrative assistant to the president, who has served at the College for 18 years.

• **Dr. Beth Burch**, associate professor of biology, and **Dr. Ruth Nalliah**, associate professor of chemistry, each received portions of a Lutheran Foundation grant from the Indiana University School of Medicine, Ft. Wayne. This grant will fund student summer research projects involving the analysis of pigments in berry extracts for the determination of their cardiovascular effects.

## Alpha Chi National Convention Indiana Beta Chapter attends, presents



**Organization:** Alpha Chi

**Chapter:** Indiana Beta Chapter

**National Convention Presentation:**

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**Presenters:**

Dwight Simon, Victoria Hall, Joni Michaud

**Honors:** Chapter named a Star Chapter; Rebekah Nimtz receives Nolle Scholarship; Lori Merkle serves as Region V representative

A delegation of students from the Huntington College Indiana Beta Chapter of Alpha Chi attended the Alpha Chi National Convention in St. Louis, Mo., April 7-9, 2005. The theme for the 2005 National Convention was "With Honor and Integrity." Students Stephen Boston, Victoria Hall, Lori Merkle, Joni Michaud, Chad Pryor, and Dwight Simon attended both the regional and national business meetings, in addition to workshops and numerous academic presentations by students from across the nation. They were accompanied by Chapter sponsors, Dr. Paul Michelson and Mrs. Jean Michelson. The keynote address was presented by former FBI agent, Coleen Rowley, who was one of TIME Magazine's "Persons of the Year 2002," who spoke about ethics in jobs and in politics.

Simon, Hall and Michaud presented, "Page 6: A Case Study in Academic Freedom and Integrity," a workshop focusing on the convention's emphasis. The session detailed the Indiana Beta Chapter's involvement in a controversy that occurred on the Huntington College campus during the 2004-05 academic year.

The workshop was well-attended by both students and sponsors representing diverse academic institutions and geographic regions. Huntington's student representatives outlined the nature of the Indiana Beta Chapter's involvement in on-campus discussion forums.

Overall, the workshop was very well received. A 30-minute discussion followed the presentation in which students and sponsors alike posed questions to the panel and offered examples of similar situations at their own institutions.

The Indiana Beta Chapter received a number of honors during this year's convention. During the national meeting, sponsors Dr. Michelson, Dr. McPherran, and Mrs. Michelson received pins in recognition of their years of service to the chapter: thirty, twenty, and ten years respectively. Rebekah Nimtz, in absentia, received a national Alpha Chi scholarship, the Nolle Scholarship, and the Indiana Beta Chapter received a Star Chapter award for the tenth consecutive year. The chapter is one of only six chapters to receive this honor every year since its inception. Michelson and Hall also served as regional scholarship judges.

Lori Merkle served this past year as the Region V representative on the Alpha Chi National Council, and was instrumental in planning this year's convention and activities. In addition, Merkle led a session on academic integrity for Alpha Chi students and sponsors, in which she facilitated a discussion about promoting honesty in scholarship on college campuses. It is hoped that the local chapter will be able to lead an on-campus emphasis on academic honesty in 2005-2006.

# Sports Highlights

**Chi Alpha Sigma:** Thirteen Foresters were inducted into Chi Alpha Sigma, the national athletics honor society. Student-athletes inducted included Joy Bamford (soccer), Betsey Bean (basketball), Jeremy Burkett (track & field), Brandon Curtis (tennis), Ellen Eberling (softball), Ashley Gonterman (soccer), Jamie Grogg (basketball), Daniel Knuth (golf), Wesley Knuth (golf), Jessah Martin (basketball), Andrew Porterfield (golf), Chad Pryor (soccer), and Christine Shook (soccer/track & field).

**Baseball:** After earning a spot in the MCC Tournament, the Foresters concluded its season with two one-run game losses to Bethel and Goshen. The Foresters concluded the season with a 19-21 overall record, 14-8 in the MCC. Brian Porter and Thad Frame each earned All-MCC honors, and led the team in batting average at .406 and .399, respectively.

**Softball:** The Foresters concluded its season after earning a bid into the MCC Tournament and then losing the first two games of the tournament. Kaley Fode was named to the All-Conference team. During the season, she led the Foresters with 30 hits and proved to be a pressure hitter, bringing in 18 RBI.

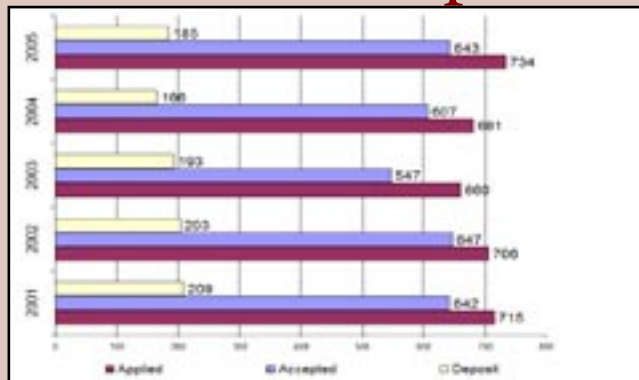
**Track & Field:** The women's track squad finished fourth at the MCC Championships while the men's squad finished fifth. Six Foresters earned All-Conference honors including Joel Sanders, Cody Hannie, David St. Louis, Brittany Fillman, Jennifer Shook and Heidi Christian. Sanders set a new school record in the 800 meters (1:52.76) and along with Hannie, St. Louis and Ross Luckett, set a new school record in the 4x800 relay (7:55.01).

For news and up-to-date results of Forester Athletics, visit [www.huntington.edu/athletics](http://www.huntington.edu/athletics).



Baseball pitcher **Jeremy Rodibaugh** hurls a pitch to the plate during one of the Foresters' final home games this season.

# Admissions Update



The chart above summarizes the number of prospective students who have applied and been accepted to Huntington College for the fall 2005 semester. The bars represent year-to-date comparisons over the past five years.

# Advancement News

The Advancement Office reports the retirement of long time Administrative Assistant Vickie Allen. Many of you have interacted with Vickie during her nine years of service to Huntington College and the Advancement Office. Ella Burnett will be assuming a number of the duties Vickie previously held, and a part-time support person will be hired to assume other office duties.

# Around Campus.....

- Several students in the Communication Department at Huntington College recently received communication awards from the Indiana Association of School Broadcasters (IASB) Competition. **Dave Wynegar** finished first in the Radio News Report/Package category. **Lara Smitley** took top honors in the TV Sports Anchor category while classmate **Sean Giggy** finished third in the same category. In the Radio Spot Production category, **Chris Metcalf**, **Jeff Ott** and **Andrew Shumaker** finished second. In addition, the Huntington College Communication Department earned second place in TV School Newscast.

- Two students presented the results of off-campus summer research projects at the Butler University Undergraduate Research Conference. **Benjamin Gayed** presented the results of a research project performed in the laboratory of Dr. David Bell at the Indiana University School of Medicine, Ft. Wayne, relating to the cardiovascular effects of berry extracts. **Victoria Hall** presented the results of a research project performed in the laboratory of Dr. Victoria McGuffin at Michigan State University relating to the development of a fluorescence method to detect explosives. Gayed has been accepted into the Indiana University School of Medicine while Hall has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in chemistry at Purdue University.

- Broadcasting students **Nathan Doolittle**, **Chris Metcalf** and **Ashley Schermerhorn** attended and actively participated in the Gospel Music Association convention April 11-14 in Nashville, Tenn.

- Senior communication major **Joanna Shenk** recently presented a research paper at the Student Research and Creative Endeavor Symposium held at IPFW on April 9. Research for the paper, "A Campus Divided: An Ethnographic Study of Three Differing Perspectives of a Divisive Issue at a Midwestern, Evangelical, Liberal Arts College," was conducted for her Senior Seminar in Communication.

- Four Huntington College theatre students have already received acceptance for summer stock work. **Kathy** and **Matt Chilcoat** will work at the Virginia Shakespeare Festival. **Amber Patrick** and **Laura Brautigam** will work on "Trumpet unto the Land." In addition, Kathy Chilcoat will serve as Assistant Stage Manager for Walt Disney World's park shows during a year-long internship beginning this fall.

- Kristyn Bollig** was named Female Forester of the Year. **Dwight Simon** was named Male Forester of the Year. Simon also received the prestigious Alpha Chi Award, given to an outstanding senior in the Huntington College Alpha Chi Honor Society and voted on by fellow Alpha Chi members. For the Outstanding

Senior Awards, faculty voted to select one Outstanding Senior from their respective departments and then presented a plaque to the individual on Forester Night. Departmental recipients included **Joanna Shenk** (communication), **Heather Radde** (English), **Joni Michaud** (history), **Amber Hirschy** (business), **Jodi Frantz** (psychology), **Rebecca Laumbattus** (sociology), **Dustin Smith** (mathematics), **Victoria Hall** (chemistry), **Anna Geivett** (recreation management), **Nicole Woods** (art), **Christina Watson** (music), **Kathy Chilcoat** (theatre), **Jennifer Amstutz** (education), **Keith Elliott** (Bible & religion), and **Richard Strick** (ministry & missions).



As the school year wound down, several students finished semester-long projects. Students in the art department were no exception, as several of them spent time in the Art Annex to complete ceramic pieces.

# Campus Calendar

# May/June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			11 Semester Exams/8 am	12 Semester Exams/8 am Track & Field/5 pm (A)	13 50-year Reunion/5:30 pm	14 Baccalaureate/10:30 am Commencement/3 pm
15	16	17	18 Summer classes begin	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 NAIA National Track & Field Championships/ 9 am (A)	27 NAIA National Track & Field Championships/ 9 am (A)	28 NAIA National Track & Field Championships/ 9 am (A)
29	30 MEMORIAL DAY	31	1 ACMS Conference/ 12 pm	2 ACMS Conference/ 9 am	3 ACMS Conference/ 9 am 3-credit summer classes end	4 ACMS Conference/ 9 am
5	6	7	8	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit <a href="http://www.huntington.edu/calendar">www.huntington.edu/calendar</a>.</i>		

## From the President's Desk

Chris and I recently returned from a three-month sabbatical. We are doing well and greatly enjoyed our time. It has truly been a time of rest, renewal, and reflection. We appreciate all the individuals who have made this sabbatical possible including the Board, faculty and staff, and Dr. Norris Friesen, who served as Interim President this spring. We also appreciate your prayers for us. God has answered them in abundance.

I am very excited to be back at Huntington. We are busy getting ready for our Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 14. It will truly be a special day for several individuals. We will honor our last graduating class from Huntington College, before our name changes to Huntington University on June 1.

We will also honor several individuals during the ceremony who have made lasting impacts on their communities and institutions. Our speaker, Rev. Terna Jordan, is pastor of the Mt. Canaan Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tenn. He spent 15 years ministering to the Greater Progressive Baptist Church in Fort Wayne from 1989-2004. A beloved community leader, Pastor Jordan has been actively involved in the process of redeeming the hearts of the nation's youth for more than two decades. In February 1992, he founded the program "Stop the Madness," an anti-violence campaign which provides cultural, spiritual, and recreational alternatives to at-risk youth throughout

the greater Fort Wayne community. Jordan also served five years as Program Director of Value-Based Initiative (VBI). VBI provides practical ways the faith-based community can be effectively involved with making the City of Fort Wayne a safer community. The initiative has become a model for other cities. Jordan's visionary leadership was also instrumental in developing Phoenix Place and Phoenix Manor, residential areas in Fort Wayne serving several generations. I am looking forward to hearing his address to our graduating class entitled, "Soaring to Your Destiny."

In addition, the College will honor Pastor Jordan with an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. Two other individuals will receive honorary degrees including long-time Huntington College history professor, Mr. Jack Barlow, and Huntington College alumnus, Dr. Kirby Keller.

Mr. Barlow will be honored with a Doctor of Humane Letters degree for his service as an outstanding teacher and for his strong commitment to Christian higher education. Barlow served as history professor at Huntington College for 32 years.

Dr. Keller will be honored with a Doctor of Divinity degree for his service as a preacher, teacher and administrator in the realm of Christian higher education and full-time ministry. Dr. Keller is currently the Clyde W. Meadows



**Dr. G. Blair Dowden**  
President of Huntington College

Professor of Christian Ministry at the Evangelical School of Theology in Pennsylvania, and served for several years as its president.

As we celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates and our institution this Saturday, I will reflect on the great things God has given us. Yet, I will also look forward to the revealing of His blessings as we turn a page in our history and become Huntington University.